

Charles Coon

Charles began his telecommunications career in 1972 as a central office technician and supervisor for Clay County Rural Telephone Cooperative. From 1977 through 1989, he provided consulting services to independent telephone companies in Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, and West Virginia implementing over 100 switching systems and over 100 outside plant designs including optical networks. Additionally, Charles has served as Vice President of Engineering and Switching for a regional interexchange carrier.

Directorships include three consecutive terms with the Indiana Exchange Carrier Association (INECA) and presently with the Indiana Telephone Relay Access Corporation (InTRAC).

Currently he is the General Manager of Washington County Rural Telephone Cooperative, a position he has held for 13 years. As General Manager of the Cooperative, he leads an organization which utilizes the latest technology to provide advanced telephony services, high capacity Internet access and switched digital video entertainment. Under his leadership, Washington County Rural Telephone Cooperative was the first Indiana local exchange carrier to provide "TRIPLE PLAY" services utilizing fiber fed nodes and a very high bit rate Digital Subscriber Line (VDSL) distribution platform.

Beginning his career March 28, 1972, Charles has over 32 year of experience in the telecommunications industry with Local Exchange Carriers, Interexchange Carriers and telecommunication consultants. Charles holds a BS in management from Oakland City University.